

## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1020

By McDonald

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Dalton Wix for his great courage and resourcefulness.

WHEREAS, over much of its history, Tennessee has been known as the Volunteer State because it has been the home of so many valiant citizens who have responded with great courage and strength of character in times of trouble and adversity; and

WHEREAS, one such outstanding Tennessean is Dalton Wix, a fourth grade student at Bethpage Elementary who, on March 7, 2010, acted with courage and resourcefulness to save the life of his fifteen-month-old sister, Madison Head, from a situation that could have had serious consequences; and

WHEREAS, on that fateful day, Dalton Wix was playing outside with his younger brother, Will Head, and his fifteen month-old sister, Madison; and

WHEREAS, noticing that their sister was no longer playing with them, the two boys began searching the Head property in an effort to locate her; and

WHEREAS, seeing what he thought was a piece of paper floating in the fish pond on the Head property, young Mr. Wix suddenly realized it was his sister's clothing floating in the water; and

WHEREAS, with great presence of mind, Dalton Wix responded instantaneously and quickly pulled his sister out of the pond; and

WHEREAS, calling for help from his step-father, William Head, and his grandfather, Timothy Bohanan, the men responded swiftly and revived the young girl from her unconscious state; and

WHEREAS, after being taken to Sumner Regional Medical Center and then to Vanderbilt Children's Hospital for evaluation, she was later released alive and well due to the quick thinking and valiant efforts of her brother; and

WHEREAS, a truly remarkable youngster, Dalton Wix initiated actions which helped save his sister's life, and he should be commended for his quick and appropriate response; and

WHEREAS, demonstrating an awareness far in excess of what might be expected from one so young, Dalton Wix's astute and heroic action is clearly deserving of special recognition and praise; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Dalton Wix for his outstanding demonstration of courage, resourcefulness, and presence of mind, as we join with all the citizens of Tennessee in expressing our admiration and appreciation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we offer our best wishes to Dalton Wix and his family for every success and happiness in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.